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Powell says the Fed is not rushing to lower rates

Fed keeps rates unchanged and removes reference to inflation progress

The Federal Reserve kept rates between 4.25% - 4.50% as expected, with a unanimous decision. It made hawkish adjustments to its economic outlook, noting inflation remains "somewhat elevated" and removing the reference to inflation making progress toward the 2% target. It also revised the labor market statement, now saying the "unemployment rate has stabilized at a low level" instead of easing conditions. The rest of the statement remained largely the same, with the Fed maintaining that risks to employment and inflation goals are "roughly in balance." In the press conference, Chair Powell said the Fed isn't in a rush to adjust policy and is not on a preset course. He explained the removal of the inflation progress reference was just a "language clean-up," causing a dovish market reaction. Powell noted good inflation data but wants more progress, especially with shelter inflation dropping. He cautioned that while conditions are set for progress, it's not guaranteed. Regarding Trump's policies, he stated the Fed is waiting to see what happens with fiscal and regulatory changes.

Trump officials consider stronger restrictions on Nvidia sales to China

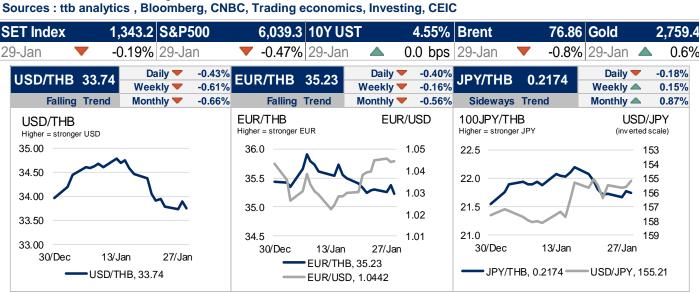
Officials in the Trump administration are considering further restrictions on Nvidia Corp.'s chip sales to China, according to sources familiar with the matter. These discussions are still in the early stages as the new team prioritizes policy matters. The focus is on potentially expanding the curbs to include Nvidia's H20 chips, which are designed to run artificial intelligence software and meet current US restrictions on shipments to China. A decision on these restrictions is expected to be some time away, as the administration is still in the process of filling key positions.

The Bank of Canada cuts rates and drops guidance amid tariff risks

The Bank of Canada cut rates by 25bps to 3.00%, in line with expectations, aligning with its neutral rate range of 2.25-3.25%. It also removed forward guidance, noting the substantial rate cuts since June and no longer suggesting further reductions would be evaluated one step at a time. The BoC acknowledged that easing is boosting household spending and expects gradual economic growth, with inflation staying near target. While inflation forecasts for 2025-2026 were revised upward, growth projections were lowered. These forecasts don't include potential US tariffs starting February 1, which could test the economy's resilience.

US dollar steadies as Fed holds rates unchanged

The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 2.276, -0.21 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB346A) was 2.2625, -1.75 bps. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 4.55, +0.0 bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 33.74, moving in a range of 33.72 – 33.77 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 33.60 – 33.90 today. The dollar fluctuated after the FOMC meeting, where the Fed kept rates steady but removed language about inflation making progress toward the 2% goal while noting solid labor market conditions. The initial hawkish reaction reversed during Powell's press conference, where he explained the inflation change was just a "language cleanup" and reiterated the Fed isn't rushing to cut rates, despite two positive inflation reports. The euro weakened and briefly fell below the 1.0400 mark before recovering after the FOMC meeting and press conference. The Japanese yen strengthened slightly, with USD/JPY finding support around the 155.00 level, limiting further downside.



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Currency Market

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Currency	1M History	Last	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	1M Range		
Currency	TWITISTOLY	Lasi		// Clig (1 44)	/a City (TW)	Min	Max	
Dollar Index		107.76	-0.1%	-0.5%	-0.2%	107.76	109.81	
EUR/USD		1.0442	0.03%	0.4%	0.1%	1.0225	1.0456	
USD/JPY		155.21	-0.3%	-0.8%	-1.5%	155.09	158.17	
USD/CHF		0.9029	-0.3%	-0.4%	0.2%	0.8982	0.9172	
GBP/USD		1.2461	0.16%	1.3%	-1.0%	1.2171	1.2589	
USD/CAD		1.4378	-0.13%	-0.1%	0.0%	1.4334	1.4454	
AUD/USD		0.6245	-0.28%	-0.2%	0.1%	0.6146	0.6304	
NZD/USD		0.5670	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.5561	0.5698	
ASEAN Dollar	<u></u>	104.90	-0.2%	-0.7%	-1.0%	0.00	106.79	
USD/THB		33.74	-0.4%	-0.6%	-0.7%	33.73	34.77	
USD/SGD		1.3489	-0.1%	-0.5%	-0.5%	1.3484	1.3724	
USD/MYR	<u></u>	4.3872	-0.2%	-1.2%	-1.7%	4.3745	4.5066	
USD/IDR	$\overline{}$	16,103	0.1%	-0.8%	0.2%	16,072	16,289	
USD/PHP	$\overline{}$	58.65	0.1%	-0.3%	0.9%	58.05	58.96	
USD/CNY		7.2523	-0.23%	-0.4%	-0.6%	7.2480	7.3460	
USD/HKD		7.7783	-0.2%	-0.2%	0.3%	7.7513	7.7914	

FX Swap Market and BoT's Reserves

Foreign Fund Flows (THB.mn)

USTH FX Sp	1M History	Last	% C	hg(1D)	Date		Equity	Bond		Total	
1-month		0.15	0.15		29/01	/2025	-702	5,882		5,180	
3-month	•	0.70	-0.05		28/01	/2025	1,918	3,884		5,801	
6-month	•	1.50	-0.20		27/01	/2025	-1,013	2,792		1,779	
				,	24/01	/2025	1,270	1,157		2,427	
Reserves (\$mn)	3M History	Last	\$mn	Chg(1W)	23/01	/2025	-4,388	2,712		-1,676	
Total	March Street	237,330	1972		Last	5 days	-2,915	16,427	,	13,511	
Golds	In the same	20,375	90			Period-to-date	Equity	Bond		Total	
SDR		5,380	6			renou-to-date	Equity	Вопа		Total	
IMF Reserves		1,052	-2		MTD	Month	-8,29	95 🦣 2,03	4 🎳	-6,261	
Foreign Ccy		210,522	1877		QTD	Quarter	-8,29	95 🦣 2,03	4 🎳	-6,261	
Net Fwd Position		23,945	-405		YTD	Year	-8,29	95 🦣 2,03	4 🎳	-6,261	
Money Market		Last	update:	17/01/2025							

Money Market

THB	1M Hist	Logi	1M Range		THBFIX	1M Hist	Last	1M Range		USD	1M Hist	Loct	1M R	ange
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ON	<u> </u>	2.25	0.00	2.50	ON		1.72	1.14	1.72	ON		0.08	0.07	0.08
1W	$\overline{}$	2.27	0.00	2.52	1W	-	1.61	0.22	1.61	1W		0.00	0.00	0.00
1M	$\overline{}$	2.30	0.00	2.55	1M		1.59	0.88	1.72	1M	مسسب	0.35	0.12	0.35
2M	$\overline{}$	2.35	0.00	2.60						2M		0.00	0.00	0.00
3M	$\overline{}$	2.40	0.00	2.65	3M		1.81	1.09	1.82	3M	مسسب	0.75	0.34	0.75
6M	$\overline{}$	2.45	0.00	2.71	6M		1.95	1.31	1.99	6M	مسس	1.04	0.56	1.04
12M	$\overline{}$	2.55	0.00	2.81	12M	_	2.26	1.59	2.26	12M		1.49	1.00	1.49

Last Updated: 29/06/2023 Last Updated: 09/03/2022

Note: D=d=day; M=mth=month; Y=year; %chg = percentage change; chg = change; USTH FX Sp = USD/THB FX Swap point; \$mn=million US dollar; THB.mn= Thai baht million; Hist=history; THB implied = Thai baht rate that are calculated by FX forward rate; ASEAN Index = value average ASEAN FX Jan2008=100

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1M Range

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Fixed Income	1M History	T T W (%)	Bps Chg (1D)	Bps Chg (1W	Bps Chg (1M)	Min	Max
UST10y	_	4.5500	0.00	-6.00	38.00	4.15	4.79
Gilt 10y		4.6110	3.31	-3.73	38.67	4.21	4.87
Bund 10y		2.5400	-1.00	0.00	47.00	2.06	2.62
JGB 10y		1.2010	0.00	0.20	11.00	1.05	1.25
TGB 1y		2.0569	0.11	1.69	7.81	1.92	2.06
TGB 2y		2.0393	0.38	-2.99	1.76	1.99	2.08
TGB 5y		2.0888	0.19	-3.09	-0.69	2.07	2.18
TGB 7y		2.1883	0.54	-3.72	0.62	2.14	2.28
TGB 10y		2.2761	-0.21	-3.72	-2.85	2.26	2.42
AAA Spread	~	71.12	5.58	16.78	-0.25	0.00	71.39
AA Spread		64.95	0.06	-16.18	-14.69	0.00	82.54
A Spread		103.43	-0.98	3.58	-19.30	0.00	123.20
BBB Spread	+	0.00	0.00	0.00	-248.70	0.00	248.70

Note: UST = US Treasury; Gilt = UK Government Bond; JGB = Japanese Government bond; Bund = German Government Bond; TGB = Thai government Bond; tenors of the bonds are put after their name; bps=basis point; Corporate spreads are Thai and reported in basis points over government bond for the tenors 3-5 years.

Commodity Market

Commodity	1M History	Last	0/ Cha /1D)	9/ Cha (1\M)	9/ Cha (1M)	1M Range		
Commodity	TWI HISTOTY	Last	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	Min	Max	
Brent Crude		76.86	-0.8%	-1.8%	3.0%	73.26	82.03	
London Gold		2759.4	0.6%	0.4%	5.7%	2,610.3	2,771.1	

Note: Unit of Brent crude oil price is \$/barrel; unit of gold price is \$/ounce

Equity Market

Equity Index	1M History	Last	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)) %Chg (1M)	Min	Max
S&P500 (US)		6,039.3	-0.5%	-0.8%	-0.8%	5,827.0	6,118.7
STOXX (EU)		536.09	0.6%	0.4%	4.4%	501.2	•
FTSE All-Share(UK)		4,076.1	0.2%	0.9%	1.6%	3,954.4	4,128.5
DAX (DE)		21,637.5	1.0%	3.1%	8.1%	19,425.7	21,637.5
CAC All-Tradable(FR)		5,809.4	-0.3%	1.7%	6.9%	5,358.6	5,831.0
TOPIX (JP)		2,775.6	0.7%	2.4%	0.8%	2,680.7	2,786.6
Shanghai (CH)		3,407.0	-0.1%	0.4%	-3.5%	3,321.1	3,597.9
Hang Seng (HK)		20,225.1	0.1%	3.3%	2.4%	18,874.1	20,414.1
ASX 200 (AU)		8,447.0	0.6%	1.6%	-0.2%	8,067.0	8,495.2
SET (TH)	<u></u>	1,343.2	-0.2%	0.2%	-7.4%	1,340.3	1,454.8
SET50 (TH)		875.5	-0.1%	-0.1%	-6.4%	873.9	,
Straits Times (SG)		3,801.1	0.1%	-0.3%	-0.6%	3,751.4	3,862.6
FTSE Malay (MY)		1,552.7	-0.4%	-0.9%	-3.9%	1,552.7	1,637.7
JSX Index (ID)		7,166.1	-0.9%	1.2%	0.7%	6,977.2	7,464.8

Sources: ttb analytics, CEIC

Note: A = actual, P = previous; C = consensus

6,153.5

1,235.7

6,742.9

1,273.8

-8.7%

2.0%

PSE Index (PH)

Vn Index (VN)

-3.1%

2.3%

6,153.5

1,265.1

-0.7%

0.4%